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1. DIRECTOR OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISES THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO VISIT EMPEROR GOLD MINING CO., THOUGH THE MINE IS CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR GOF TAKE-OVER. A PLANE LEAVES NAUSORI (NEAR SUVA) AT 7:00 AM TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, INCLUDING MARCH 16, FOR THE MINE. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU COULD RENT CAR AT NADI MARCH 14, DRIVE TO LAUTOKA FOR 10 AM MEETING, AND THEN PROCEED TO MINE AT VATUKOULA AND ON TO SUVA SAME DAY. RICHMOND WILL BE GLAD TO INFORM GENERAL MANAGER OF MINE. ADVISE US SOONEST RE YOUR

PREFERENCES. WE BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS WITH SPEC AND USP WOULD BE USEFUL, EVEN IF POSTPONED TO 17TH.

2. WEBB OFFICIALS SHOULD BE IN TONGA, AS THE SPUDGING DATE FOR THE FIRST OIL WELL WAS TO BE FEBRUARY 11, ACCORDING TO TONGAN MANAGER CAROL RIECHELMANN IS LATEST PRESS REPORT RECEIVED HERE. WE WILL CONTACT HIM AFTER CONFIRMATION OF YOUR PLANS.
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